

The Journal Register

A look back at 2019



Monson Summerfest, Uncle Sam (Gary Monte) and Sunny join the Monson Summerfest parade.



The Polar Express train conductor, portrayed by Ron Westwood getting children together to hear the holiday classic read out loud.



State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, helps Palmer recognize veteran Philip Christensen Sr., who is 100, with a certificate from the State House.



The Palmer High School Class of 2019 takes center stage at commencement in June.



An early morning fire on March 9 at Palmer High School, attributed to improper disposal of oil-soaked rags, caused smoke damage in portions of the building and made the building temporarily unusable.

As we do every year, this issue is a look back in photos at the past year in Palmer, Monson, Brimfield, Holland and Wales.

These small towns are strong in their identity and their sense of community, always helping each other and the schools, with many

organizations that foster that sense of a village pulling together to make lives better for everyone.

So please enjoy the year in photos before the New Year gets fully underway.

Have a happy New Year and thanks for sharing your stories with us.



The second annual Three Rivers Fire Department Christmas Tree Burning and Bonfire welcomed dozens to Pulaski Park on Saturday, Jan. 5.



(From left) State Rep. Todd Smola, past national commander of the Legion John Comer and State Sen. Anne Gobi share some memories about the Legion. The Merrill L. Simonds Post 130, of Palmer, met to celebrate 100 years of the American Legion in the Amvets Post 74 in Three Rivers.



During Palmer's National Night Out Oliver, 1, and his brother, Jack Parsons, 4, sit in the cab of a fire truck. Their dad is Palmer Officer Matthew Parsons.



Palmer High School alumnus, Jonas Cain, spoke to the Ware and Palmer seniors about the power of positivity at the annual banquet on the Wednesday before the big football game between Ware and Palmer high schools.



Jacqueline Smith, of Three Rivers, and her daughter Symphony, pause on the Main Street bridge in the village during last weekend's cleanup.



Seniors Kaitlin Santos and Mackenzie DeVries pose proudly with the Monson High School Mustang during their Winter Carnival.



Kristal Brady, left, and Alice Davey checked out the many bargains at the annual Monson tag sale held during Labor Day weekend.



January



MHS alumni Rachel Flagg, Nick Lebel, Ben Pagliaro, and Lizzie Roberts visit with D-Block chemistry students to discuss living on their own and the various challenges they now face as college students.



Town meeting voters line up to cast their ballots in a vote to adopt new commercial solar bylaws disallowing such developments in industrially zoned districts within town.



Kids involved with Operation Friendship in Palmer stands amidst the many returnable bottles and cans they have collected to fundraise for their exchange program.



Ryan Fortier was arrested for allegedly printing counterfeit \$50 bills in a home in Monson. He was arrested along with Juan Lopez, of Spencer, and Jason Nicholas Arens, of Springfield.



Winner and seventh-grader Kawan Freeman (left) is congratulated by Palmer High School Principal Susan North. It was part of the National Geographic Bee.



Carlos Nieto (right) presents the Monson Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Evan Brassard a proposed Veterans Field area as part of the Master Plan.

February



Leslie Duthie and Jennifer O'Hop present before a packed room over the weekend on the history and legacy of Arthur Norcross and their Norcross Sanctuary in Wales.



Boy Scouts in local Troops 7 and 161 rehearse their skit for Scout Sunday before the arrival of the congregation of the First Congregational Church in Brimfield.



Monson firefighters and other area first responders tethered with ropes and life preservers awaited the signal from the shore to pull in their colleagues from an open hole at the center of Old Stage Coach Lake in Monson.



Receiving a donation for \$1,300 in their first week of hosting the fundraiser Monson Arts Council President Peter Barnett paints in the rising flames of the thermometer. Enough money was raised for the dragon, which now graces the lawn of the Monson House of Art.



Order of the Arrow Northeast Region Chief Justin St. Louis and Peter Izyk at the BSA National Annual Meeting in Palmer.



(From left) Palmer High School freshman Ethan Tremblay blows up a balloon to knock down the cups before him as classmates Ashley Placanico, Morgan Peritz and Chance Lee cheer him on.



Troop Master Bill Mullen welcomed new Boy Scouts to Troop 164 during the Winter Court of Honor ceremony.



Students at Monson High School take part in a friendly inter-grade competition playing volleyball in the school's gym as part of an annually held tournament.



The Palmer Second Congregational Church Sunday School students with their collection for a mission in the Congo.

Alyssa Stewart from Monson High School practiced her bass before the 47th annual Junior/Senior High School Festival Concert at Palmer High School.



Corrections

The Journal Register will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2 or 3. To request a correction, send information to Editor at bcoulter@turley.com, or call 283-8393, extension 236. Corrections may also be requested in writing at: Journal Register, Attn: Editor 24 Water St., Palmer, MA, 01069.

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March



Seniors at Pathfinder RVTHS got hands-on learning this week, when they were shown valuable construction skills including how to mix and pour concrete. The program was possible through the Massachusetts Pre-Apprenticeship and Vocational School Training Program, which was facilitated by the New England Laborers Training Trust Fund. With a contract awarded through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the program has brought further construction and highway industry career training in to more than 1,500 technical vocational students.



Marcia Beal dons an apron to lead students in a silk scarf painting workshop at the Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield.



Charlie Lask, who often puts on a Neil Diamond tribute show, reaches out for inspiration from the crowd during a performance at the Palmer Senior Center.



Attendees at last weekend's "Spaghetti Supper" dig in to a meal catered by Becker College at the First Congregational Church of Brimfield. It benefited the Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow Sanctuary in Brimfield.



A charette, an intensive planning session, was held at Pathfinder to talk through the benefits to Palmer and the surrounding towns of a potential passenger rail stop in Palmer. A broad range of interested people came to discuss it.



East Hill Road resident Edward Veneto (left) appeals against the issuance of pour license during a Monson selectmen's meeting alongside neighbors of Tree House Brewery. Although the popular brewery moved its manufacturing to Charlton, it wanted to be able to hold occasional outdoor events at its Monson property.



On the shores of Hyannis, the 15 representatives of the Palmer High School Student Council prepare to make their dip into the ocean as part of a Polar Plunge fundraiser.

April



Poetry Pageant Coordinator Denise Fontaine-Pincine welcomes attendees to the Palmer Public Library. This year's theme was trains.



The DiSantis Room at the Monson Free Library is packed for the Coffee House Unplugged.



Guests of the First Congregational Church in Brimfield take pictures with the Easter Bunny, which Boy Scout Troop 7 helped the church put together.

A few of the girls from Daisy Troop 64913 were on hand at last week's Palmer School Committee meeting, showing what they collected on behalf of Palmer High School.



Monson Scouts in a wintertime activity at Camp Moses in Russell.

Ware Public Schools to Bring STEM Learning Labs to Middle School

Ware one of just three school systems in Massachusetts to participate in innovative educational program

The Ware Public Schools is proud to announce a partnership with i2 Learning to bring an innovative project-based curriculum into middle school classrooms.

Through this partnership with i2 Learning, Ware Middle School will run a series of immersive one week STEM programs in 2020 and then a full year interdisciplinary program in the 2021-22 school year. Ware teachers will work closely with i2 Learning in developing this program and will receive extensive professional development in project-based pedagogy and STEM curriculum. In addition, all materials, supplies, and training necessary for this program will be provided by i2 Learning at no cost to Ware as the entire program has been grant funded.

"We need to give students the skills to be successful in a rapidly changing world where tomorrow's opportunities and challenges haven't even been considered yet," Superintendent Marlene DiLeo said. "Through this opportunity, our teachers will work in collaboration with i2 Learning trainers to develop curriculum immersed in authentic and relevant project-based learning across all content areas. This is a truly significant opportunity for our students and staff, one that will have a profound impact on our school."

Ware is one of just three school systems in Massachusetts awarded this opportunity with i2 Learning. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and i2 Learning hope that this program in Ware will be an example of best practices in 21st century learning and can then be rolled out to other districts across the state.

With curriculum partners that include MIT, The Boston Children's Museum, and The New York Hall of Science, i2 Learning provides hands-on, project-based learning in STEM courses such as "Building an Interactive Friendly Monster," "Crash Test Engineering," and "Surgical Techniques."

Outside evaluations by Teachers College, Columbia University and EDC of previous i2 Learning programs have shown high levels of student engagement during classes and an increase in student interest in STEM and STEM careers after participating in the program.

i2 Learning supporters include Vertex Pharmaceuticals, MathWorks, The Shah Family Foundation, The Lynch Foundation, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, and Spectrum Equity. To learn more about the i2 Learning program, visit i2learning.org

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Viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Will foreign earnings count toward my benefits?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I am looking for advice on how our recent decision to take up work in the United Kingdom will affect our U.S. Social Security benefits. I want to understand whether we need to be prepared for a loss in future Social Security benefits, in comparison to what we'd get by continuing to work in the U.S. Signed: Working Abroad

Dear Working Abroad: I'll start by noting that the U.S. and the U.K. have a bilateral "totalization" agreement which helps those who have worked in both countries qualify for Social Security benefits in the other, but this relates only to you earning enough credits to be eligible for benefits. Your foreign earned income won't be included when computing your U.S. Social Security benefits.

Under the "totalization agreement if, from your work in the U.S., you have earned only 30 credits toward the 40 needed to qualify for U.S. Social Security benefits, and you went to work in the U.K. and earned 10 credits toward the U.K.'s eligibility requirement, those 10 U.K. credits would be added to your 30 U.S. credits to give you the 40 needed to be eligible for U.S. Social Security benefits. However, your U.S. Social Security benefit when it is claimed would be based upon your U.S. earned income only and would not include your U.K. earned income.

To determine your U.S. benefit amount, Social Security uses the highest-earning 35 years of your U.S. earned income during which SS FICA payroll taxes were withheld from your earnings. Your lifetime U.S. earnings are adjusted for inflation and the highest earning 35 years are used to arrive at your "average indexed monthly earnings" (AIME). Your AIME is then used to determine your "primary insurance amount" (PIA), which is the benefit you are due at your full retirement age. If you don't have a full 35 years of U.S. earnings because you spent a number of years working in the U.K., Social Security will put in enough zeros to make 35 years. Those zeros in your earnings record will reduce your U.S. Social Security benefit amount.

So, by comparison, if you were to remain in the U.S. and continue working (and contributing to Social Security) here, your eventual Social Security benefits will be higher, because your U.S. earnings will count toward your AIME, and will eliminate some or all of any zero years in the 35 used to compute your benefit. Conversely, your earnings from working in the U.K. will not count toward your U.S. Social Security earnings history (won't be included in your AIME), meaning you'll show zeros in your U.S. earnings record for the years you worked in the U.K. and thus your U.S. Social Security benefit will be lower than if you instead continued to work in the U.S. Of course, if you already have at least 35 years of U.S. earnings you will not have zeros in your work history, but your U.K. earnings still will not count toward your U.S. Social Security benefit and will not eliminate any lower-earning years in your 35-year U.S. work history.

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Leaving it all on the mountain

By Julie Midura
Guest columnist

I believe, and studies have shown, nature has the power to heal. Whether I am meandering along a path through a forest or scrambling up a steep ledge to the summit of a mountain, I feel an incredible sense of peace and contentment. John Muir was a famous naturalist, environmentalist, author and early advocate for the preservation of wilderness in the United States. One of my favorite quotes of his is; "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like Autumn leaves."

Each one of us faces struggles and trials as we journey through life, whether they be physical, psychological or emotional. Immersing ourselves in nature can free us from whatever demons we are battling. For me, a recent facial skin cancer diagnosis that would require a complicated reconstruction, the extent of which wouldn't be known until the day of the surgery, is what drew me to the mountains for my latest hike.

I wanted to take back what the cancer had taken from me... control, confidence and security. I wanted to go on a hike that would force me to face my fears, not just the physical ones, but the emotional ones as well. While I have climbed over two dozen 4,000-plus foot mountains in winter, I have never done it alone. In my mind, the physical mountain I would climb would become a metaphor for the surgery I was facing. If I could conquer the first, I could overcome the second.

So four days before my surgery, I set my alarm for 3 a.m. and drove three hours to Mt. Moosilauke, New Hampshire. Temperatures were in the mid-20s when I stepped out of my car at the trailhead at 7:30 a.m. The wind chill on the summit was predicted to be 15 degrees below zero, but I was carrying enough layers for a day on Everest, so I wasn't worried about the cold. As I took my first steps of what was to be a 10-mile hike, I was excited to be the first hiker of the day to leave my bootprints on the fresh fallen snow from the night before. My prints were the only ones I saw for the first two miles, until I encountered fresh bear prints meandering back and forth along the trail. My initial excitement about being the first hiker on the mountain was tempered by the thought that there was a bear nearby... and I was alone. "Great!" I said out loud, "Just me and a bear on a mountain!"

The snow was only a few inches deep at the trailhead, but I was soon plodding through drifts as high as two feet as I continued to climb. The forest was a vision in white, and I stopped repeatedly, not only to rest, but to take in the Narnia-like beauty that I was surrounded by. The silence was broken only by the sound of my boots crunching in the snow with each step I took on the carpet of white beneath my feet.

As the trees grew shorter, the wind grew stronger, so I stopped to pull my face mask up over my nose and mouth. It was here, just seven tenths of a mile from the summit, that I encountered the first person I saw all morning; a young man hiking solo. We exchanged greetings, then he moved on ahead of me. Two couples passed me shortly after. Within 15 minutes, I caught up with the solo hiker. He was standing in the middle of the trail, attempting to tie a long sleeve shirt around his head as a sort of mask in order to protect his face from the biting wind and frigid temps. He looked at me, with my face almost completely covered by my balaclava and ski goggles, and said, "I don't have the right gear for these conditions. I'm turning back."

A few minutes later, as I continued up the steep path, one of the couples was coming back down as well. They told me that once they broke out of the trees, the visibil-



Turley Publications courtesy photos
Julie Midura on her hike of Mt. Moosilauke in New Hampshire.

ity was nonexistent, and they couldn't find the summit. "It's really bad up there," they cautioned. I took note of their warnings, but decided that I would make my decision about whether or not it was safe to continue once I reached the alpine zone. I continued climbing, and encountered the final couple who had passed me earlier. They were standing on the side of the trail, pulling on more layers of clothing. We chatted briefly, then I moved past them.

When I reached the alpine zone, I understood why the first couple had turned back here. While I knew that the crest of the mountain was only two tenths of a mile from where I stood, it was completely invisible due to whitout conditions. I could barely see from one cairn to the next, and I couldn't tell the difference between a cairn and krumholz since everything was encased in ice and snow. (A cairn is a man-made pile of stones used as a trail marker. Krumholz is stunted, deformed vegetation shaped by exposure to fierce, freezing winds.) Between the lack of visibility and the intense wind, I had a brief internal debate over whether or not it was safe to continue. I was determined, but I wasn't so hell-bent on reaching the summit that I'd risk my life to do it.

"I can do this!" I finally told myself. "I came here to conquer my fears, and that's exactly what I'm going to do!" I braced myself against the power of the wind gusts by using my trekking poles for stability; and I pushed forward. I stomped my feet hard into the crusty snow, knowing that I may need to follow my footprints on my way back in order to find the trail again. My heart was beating furiously in my chest as I rose higher.

And then I saw it through the milky white that was enveloping it... the ever so faint outline of the summit. I plodded through the deep snow until I was standing at the snow encased sign marking the high point of the mountain. I pulled out my phone to snap a picture, but within seconds, the battery died from the below zero temperature. Unable to stay still on the summit for more than a few minutes due to the risk of hypothermia, I quickly followed my footprints back down to the shelter of the trees, and slowly descended until I reached the trailhead a few hours later.

The purpose of this hike was to overcome my fears and to still the rapid beating of my heart from worry. I wanted to leave it all on the mountain, and come back feeling rejuvenated... and fierce... and strong. I received all of that, and so much more. Not only had I made it to the summit of a 4,802 foot mountain in some of the worst winter conditions that I have ever experienced, but I had done it solo. The mountains truly do provide.

"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." - John Muir. Peace, and hike on friends!

The first gardening questions of the New Year

A reader from Ware wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "I love reading about your glorious pepper harvest each summer. I have been researching a number of varieties that promise good results. Is it too early to start seeds indoors now?"

Yes! The best garden-ready pepper plants are started eight to 10 weeks before transplanting outdoors. To determine when seeds should be sown simply count backwards from Memorial Day, our frost-free target date for transplanting heat-loving plants outdoors. I came up with 10 weeks being March 21. If you add another week for proper hardening off, around March 14 would be a great date to start your peppers. While this date may sound late, try your best to hold back your enthusiasm for a couple months and you will be rewarded with a better harvest come summertime. Plants that go into the ground leggy and root bound (often the case when started too early) as well as those with flowers and immature fruit, will often remain stunted and produce poorly compared to properly timed, deep green, stocky seedlings. Another tip: Use a finely ground, soilless peat-based growing mix instead of garden soil for sowing seeds. It will drain well, yet retain enough moisture for germination and plant growth without the added threat of disease.

A gardener from Palmer wants to find a source for heirloom flower seeds. "Can you recommend any reputable seed companies that cater to those of us interested in growing old-fashioned plants?"

Consider shopping for seeds of old-fashioned flowers locally in Sturbridge at OSV's Museum Gift Shop. Many of them have incredibly interesting characteristics and equally interesting, corresponding names. Consider Love Lies Bleeding, Tassle Flower, Bee Larkspur and Canary Creeper! Not to mention Love in a Puff, Ragged Robin, or Monkshood. Seeds are typically available by mid-March. You'll be happy to know that many of the seeds for sale are saved from plants growing right on the premises. Another great source for old-fashioned flowers is Select Seeds, a mail-order seed and plant business located in Union, Connecticut. Call 1-800-684-0395 or go online to www.selectseeds.com to request the 2007 catalog.

This question came to me from a reader who lives in Ware: "My Christmas cactus has just about finished blooming. It was simply breathtaking this year. What can I do to insure that is blooms just as well next Christmas?"

My Babci's Christmas cactus has had its last flower of the season as well. I'll be following this same advice: First, concentrate on plant care. Once the plant has finished blooming it will go into a period of rest, and will need very little water for nearly two months. When growth resumes in spring, water when the soil surface is dry to the touch and provide it with a dose of half-strength liquid fertilizer. Place in indirect light, an east or north facing window is best. During the summer months the plant can go outdoors as long as it is kept in filtered light. It will rest again in early fall, prior to bud set. You'll notice that it won't be as thirsty during this period, so water accordingly.

Then, consider the two environmental factors that are responsible for coaxing a Christmas cactus into bloom. The first is temperature and the second is light. If temperatures at night range between 55 and 60 degrees for a six-week period, the plant will set buds regardless of day length. If temperatures run higher than that, 13 hours of uninterrupted darkness will bring about buds. Simply put the plant to bed each night from 6 p.m. To 8 a.m. until buds form. If your plant sets buds and then drops them prior to full bloom it is likely due to overwatering or exposure. For this reason keep it away from drafty windows, doorways or radiators. This sounds like hard work, but is really quite simple. I'm sure you'll be delighted with breathtaking flowers next Christmas as well!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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April



Citizen of the Year Timothy O'Brien (left) is congratulated by Lucas McDiarmid, district director for State Sen. Anne Gobi, as State Rep. Todd Smola watches.



Children from Old Sturbridge Village Academy dig a hole for a new tree to be planted near the Monson Town Office Building. Partly to recognize Better World Day and partly to make their towns better places to live, students at OSV Academy fanned out into the region to plant trees in their hometowns.

Palmer Senior Center Volunteer of the Year Donna Brown (center) is thanked by Director Marlene Johnson (left) and Activities Coordinator Sharon Lemieux. She was honored at a luncheon held at the Palmer Senior Center.



Members of the Unified Track team are ushered into the Palmer High School gymnasium to a loud cheer and gauntlet of high-fives.

May



Fran Hryniewicz Griffin goes through materials related to her uncle, Frank Hryniewicz, who perished on the U.S.S. Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. His remains, and those of other sailors, were retrieved in 2015 and recently identified. Hryniewicz Park was dedicated in his memory in downtown Three Rivers two years after the war ended, an event attended by veterans organizations, residents and many family members. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.



Veterans from American Legion Post 130 and Amvets Post 74 lead the marchers in the Palmer Memorial Day parade.



Sophia Caci displays a mantra that Palmer Special Olympians live by. Students who returned from the Special Olympics at Quabbin Regional High School in Barre got all the pomp and circumstance they could have wanted at Palmer High School.



The junior class gathers in all its glory at the conclusion of the Promenade.

June



The Color Guard of the Palmer Fire Department stands at attention during a ceremony to dedicate memorial bricks on the "Walk of Honor" outside the former home of Merrill L. Simonds American Legion Post 130 – now the headquarters of Fire Service Group. Each brick bears the names of living or deceased veterans who fought in numerous conflicts around the world. Ceremony.



Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School students awaited their diplomas last June.



Tantasqua Regional High School students Alyssa Cameron, far right, and Ben Anderson get furniture pricing from Country Bank employee Matthew McDaniel at Credit for Life recently. Tantasqua has students from Holland, Brimfield and Wales as well as Sturbridge and Brookfield.



Volunteers Donna Collette, Heather Wystepsek and Patience Hartley cut the ribbon on the new playground as Palmer Town Councilors Barbara Barry (left) and Matthew Lemieux hold its ends. A ribbon cutting of the new Endelson Playground in Bondsville, attended by both volunteers and town officials, was held on Saturday, June 8.



Monson High School graduates throwing their caps in the sky at their graduation ceremony in June.



Jesse Greene beginning to demonstrate how to properly plant an American chestnut tree with members of Tantasqua Regional Junior High School's seventh-grade science teacher Jesse Greene is on a mission he hopes will find fertile ground. He is trying to repopulate Mt. Ella, located in Flynt Park in Monson, with chestnut trees his students grew.

Palmer resident Phil Christensen had the time of his life at Fenway Park. Christensen served in World War II and the Korean War, and was able to celebrate his most recent birthday at the May 12 Sox game.



July



Plenty of relief from hot weather was found in town. William Brunner spends time with children Chyann Lanup, Hailey Brunner and Javian Coates in Forest Lake in Palmer.



A pie-eating contest was one of the many events during Monson Summerfest.



Lucia Norman running through the Endelson Playground sprinklers in Palmer to stay cool.



A group of young people from the Overseas Chinese Mission in New York City arrived at Monson High School as part of Monson-based Nomads of Hope's mission to fix homes owned by low-income, handicapped and senior citizen residents in Monson and Palmer.



Monson town officials Evan Brassard and Richard Smith, and state Sen. Anne Gobi, hold the American flag with the Nomads of Hope.

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From left, Donald Biron, Chris Smith, Chris Pobieglo (back), Greg Valania (partially hidden by fist), Jon Pobieglo and Michael Swiatkowski of the Bikes Fight Cancer club participate in the Pan Mass Challenge.

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August



Gavin Smola gives his all to knock all three pins down and win a prize at the annual Divine Mercy Parish Picnic in Three Rivers on July 28.



Palmer resident Lisa Domnarski died after a fall at her horse farm. Those who knew her best described her as a loving wife, hard-working mother of two, dedicated advocate for animals and a passionate athlete, especially when it came to her lifelong sport of running and track and field. Her husband, Matthew Domnarski, asked that people donate to the Palmer High School track fund in her honor.

Polka fans young and old danced under the picnic shelter at Pulaski Park last August.



Monson's Alex Davis made the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. A member of Troop 168 in Monson. Davis, 17, he made a patio at the Monson Fire Station.



Young Adeline Martinek enjoyed her time at the Monson Carnival on Saturday afternoon. The First Church of Monson welcomed Mark Fanelli's Traveling Amusement Park to town from Aug. 22 to

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School student Jason Malouin, center, was awarded a Gold Medal for Electronics Technology at the 55th SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

September



Pictured left to right: Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy, Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development; Rosalin Acosta, Principal / Assistant Superintendent Eric Duda, Cooperative Education Coordinator/ Grants Administrator Margaret Nugent, Superintendent / Director Dr. Gerald L. Paist, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, and Secretary of Education, Jim Peyser, at the podium present at Worcester Technical High School to award a grant of \$225,000 Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School.



Teammates look on as a player tees off during the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce annual gold tournament.



Dakota Grady plays with her best friend, Letty, a Lab mix, Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary Inc. dog walk on Brimfield Common.



Sherwood Lumber Corp., Ecogy Energy, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation have worked to together implement two industrial-scale projects that benefit both the companies and Palmer. In 2013, the local wholesale lumber distributor was awarded \$500,000 by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation from the first round of their Industrial Rail Access Program to subsidize a \$1.7 million-dollar investment on a new one-side site rail.



Cassandra Broadus-Garcia, right, and Tania Pichardo, of Connecticut, hold up antique glass negatives to the sky to get a better view of them at this past year's Brimfield Antique Flea Market.



Edward Garabedian, 77, has worked at Thorndike Mills since 1959, which was a longtime business, which closed this year, citing supply chain difficulties.



Members of the Palmer High School girls varsity and JV soccer squads ham it up for a photo during a fundraising carwash at Rocky's on Sept. 7.



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5. Soft blue-gray mineral

11. Algerian coastal city

12. A healthy redness

16. El __, border town

17. Part of the mind

18. Female body part

19. Atrocities

24. You can call Paul Simon this

25. Copyread

26. Large integers

27. Large, flightless bird

28. Bread and whiskey are two

29. Indicate pain or discomfort

30. Worry

31. Wild goats

33. Belittle

34. More supernatural

38. Wakes up

39. Intestinal pouches

40. Popular dance

43. American state

44. CSI actor

45. Having a keen enthusiasm for

49. Swiss river

50. Restaurant item

51. Intense unhappiness

53. Unit of loudness

54. Increase in velocity

56. Mesoamerican religion

58. Early multimedia

59. Forearm bone

60. An unprincipled person

63. Swarming with

64. Shellfish

65. Root of taro plant

5. Smile

6. One who examines closely

7. Lethal dose

8. Denotes past

9. "This Is Us" actor Fitch

10. Dabbling ducks

13. Polish beer

14. A type of cat

15. Shows respect for

20. Of I

21. Commercial

22. Chai and chamomile are two

23. Lodging option

27. Geological times

29. Unit of electrical inductance (abbr.)

30. Where G-men work

31. Hot beverage

32. One of the six noble gases

33. Southern constellation

34. South American nation

35. Suitable for use as food

36. The back

37. I (German)

38. Blood group

40. Fit to stand trial

41. Praise excessively

42. Female's title

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46. Disguised

47. Improved the appearance of

48. Generator

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55. At all times

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BASKETBALL

Mustangs able to edge Lions

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON — Unlike the previous two meetings on the hardwood between the Ludlow and Monson boys varsity basketball teams, which the Mustangs won by more than 10 points, this year's contest was a hard-fought battle from start to finish.

The Mustangs, who weren't 100 percent healthy, managed to pull out a 65-61 non-league victory over the improved Lions at Michael J. Kane Gymnasium in Monson on the second night of Hanukkah and two days before Christmas. It was also the only meeting of the regular season between the two squads.

"We had to cancel practice yesterday because we had four players who were sick," said Monson head coach Joe Trivisonno. "Ludlow also played a triangle and two defense in tonight's game on Colby (Duggan) and Logan (Gerry), who were our leading scorers in the first three games of the regular season. To see some of the other players step up was really impressive."

Four Monson players reached double digits in scoring in their final game of 2019 led by senior forward Sam Malo with a career-high 16 points.

"Sam is one of the players who are sick and it was a very gutsy performance by him tonight," Trivisonno said. "I really didn't know how much he would be able to play before the start of the game."

Duggan scored 11 of his 15 points during the second half. Gerry, a senior point guard, chipped in with 13 points and senior guard Danny Fiester added 11 points.

"One of the things that we've been preaching to the players this year is to do your job," said Trivisonno, who isn't a fan of the New England Patriots. "On almost every good team, everyone does something to help the team win. You also always want to play close games because that's when you'll find out what type of a team you really have."

The Mustangs, who defeated the Lions, 66-48 last year, entered their 10-day holiday break with a 3-1 overall record. All four games were played at Michael J. Kane Gymnasium against non-league opponents.

"Ludlow has improved greatly since we played them last year and this is a very big win for us," said Duggan, a sophomore forward. "We're now 3-1, which is a lot better than heading into the break with a 2-2 record."

Monson opened the regular season with double figure victories against Turners Falls and Pathfinder before losing to Hopkins Academy by seven points on Dec. 20. The Mustangs first game of 2020 is scheduled to be against Bi-County West rival Granby, which will be their fifth consecutive home game, on Jan. 3.

The Lions (2-1) began the regular season by posting a pair of home victories against Pathfinder by 22 points and Smith Academy by 15 points.

"Our basketball program has come a long way since last year and I thought we took another giant step forward in tonight's game despite the final outcome," said Ludlow head coach Tom Cebula. "We played on the road for the first time and Monson is one of the best teams that we're going to play this year. We just battled them tonight."

Trivisonno was also very impressed with how much the Lions, who didn't win any games a year ago, have improved this season.

"Ludlow is a very good basketball team and they battled us tonight," Trivisonno said. "Coach Cebula has done a great job with his team and he really deserves a lot of credit."

Ludlow junior guard Ethan

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Sydnie DeVries makes her way down the court.



Kelsey Duggan attempts to negotiate her way around an Agawam guard.

Photos by Lisa Thomas-DuFresne

Mustangs start out 3-1

MONSON — The Monson High School girls basketball team defeated Agawam 46-25 on Thursday, Dec. 19. It was the first of three straight wins for the Mustangs, who opened the season with a loss at Hampshire. Sydnie DeVries and Mia Krupczak had 16 points each to lead the scoring. Monson faced Belchertown to close out the 2019 portion of its schedule. They open 2020 against Northampton on Jan. 6.



Mya Walker looks at her coach before starting a play.



Olivia Chrzan gets ready to pass and run.

SOCCER

Statewide tournament could replace regional tourneys

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION — Worcester North vs. Chicopee? Nipmuc vs. Belchertown? Perhaps Minnechaug vs. Boston Public, or maybe the little town of Mashpee vs. Granby?

These matchups could all soon be reality after the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association endorsed a statewide tournament proposal at its most recent meeting.

The change could bring a completely overhaul to the alignments used in current Massachusetts interscholastic sports.

Sean Mackin, athletic director for Chicopee's high school, Chicopee High and Chicopee Comprehensive, said the proposal is likely to pass at the state level, potentially changing things in a big way for Western Massachusetts Schools.

"It's something that is probably going to happen," said Mackin, who is a member of the Tournament Management Committee.

According to the proposal, a statewide tournament would be invoked, involving up to 32 or more teams in a given division. It would create an "equal path" to a championship, according to the proposal, and there would be an assured way that schools would play "like-sized" schools.

It would also create a uniform format for tournament play in the entire state.

Opponents and skeptics in Western Massachusetts, however, are fearful of losing the Western Massachusetts Tournament, where now, the champion goes on to a small state tournament to face that division's sectional champion. The state is currently divided into four regions, West, Central, Northeast, and Southeast.

David Stratton, athletic director at Agawam High School, is just one administrator in Western Mass. that has concerns about the proposal.

"We really like our Western Mass. tournament here," said Stratton. "A lot of people do not want to lose it."

Stratton said it is possible, however, that in the region, the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association, which governs local league play and school participation

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WRESTLING



Emmett Seibert wrestles for the Pioneers. He was defeated in his match.

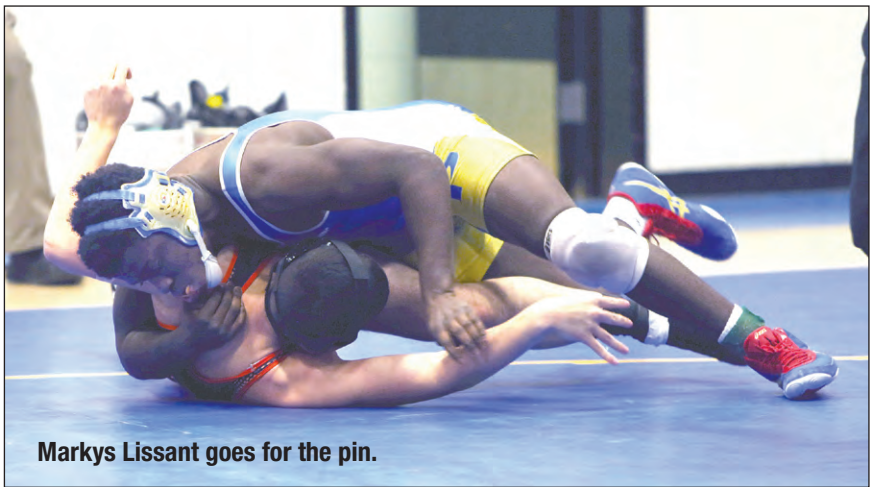


Hayden Richer takes the advantage early in his match.



Joe Chalon starts to grapple in his contest.

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Markys Lissant goes for the pin.

Pioneers double up Tigers

PALMER — On Dec. 18, the Pathfinder wrestling team opened up dual meet action with a 36-18 win over South Hadley High School. There were only six actual matches in the contest, with each team splitting the matches. Pathfinder also had wins on three forfeits. Joe Chalon and Markys Lissant recorded pins for the victors.

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Monday, Jan. 6	Home	Baystate Academy 7 p.m.	Monday, Jan. 6	Away	South Hadley 7 p.m.	Monday, Jan. 6	Away	Franklin Tech 7 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 8	Home	Ware 7 p.m.				Tuesday, Jan. 7	Away	Duggan 6:30 p.m.
<i>Girls Basketball</i>			<i>Girls Basketball</i>			<i>Girls Basketball</i>		
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Monday, Jan. 6	Home	Minnechaug 5:10 p.m.				Wednesday, Jan. 8	Home	Mohawk 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 8	Away	Easthampton 7 p.m.						
<i>Swimming</i>								
No meets this week								

Sisters balance life, beam

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

OAKHAM - Gymnastics has become a way of life for the Gatulis sisters of Oakham, and they wouldn't have it any other way.

"Some of my best memories at gymnastics are just spending time with my teammates at practice," said Quabbin sophomore Emma Gatulis, with her younger sister, Quabbin seventh grader Ruby in agreement.

"Some of my favorite memories are at the gym, having fun at practice, laughing with my teammates and competing in meets," Ruby Gatulis said.

It's certainly been a juggling act for the pair of siblings, first shuttling from Barre (where they used to live) to Sterling Gymnastics. Over the last five or so years, they made the transition from their new home in Oakham to Meridian Gymnastics in Gardner.

It's definitely a juggling act they do well. Practicing on average nine hours a week – 3.25 hours for two days and 2.5 hours an additional day, playing school sports, participating in the school music program, and still managing to find time to get homework completed while getting good grades is a testament to their time management skills.

"Gymnastics has taught them both how to prioritize their time," mother Jessica Gatulis said. "They are better students because of the discipline they learn through the sport. They know school comes first, so they learn to utilize free time at school, and in the car to get all of their work done. The team is such a good social support system for them, it makes it all worth it."

Gravitating to gymnastics seemed like the natural track to take for her daughters, according to Mrs. Gatulis.

"Emma was always climbing everything, and challenging herself with monkey bars, etc.," Jessica Gatulis said. "She started out doing a karate/gymnastics class at age three; and continued straight into gymnastics."

And where the older sister goes, the younger sister followed, proving to also have a knack for the sport.

"I don't really mind doing gymnastics with my sister, it's pretty fun because we have a lot of the same friends," explained Ruby Gatulis.

Meridian Coach Kelsey Joyal has been coaching Ruby for five years and Emma for four, because of Emma's desire to stay with Sterling Gymnastics for the additional year to be with close friends.

"Emma is such an easy going, go with the flow type of person," said Joyal. "She is extremely helpful to both her teammates and her coaches. She will set her mind to something and not stop until the task is complete. Emma can also be very competitive, which is a good quality to have as a gymnast."

Joyal shared there are two competitive team programs offered at Meridian – the Junior Olympic Program and the Xcel team, which allows gymnasts to progress at their own pace and to be more challenged on certain events.

Within Xcel there are levels – and both Gatulis girls improved and moved to higher levels in Xcel this year.



Emma Gatulis shows incredible form during her floor routine last weekend.



Emma Gatulis performs a floor routine at last weekend's Shen's New England Holiday Classic.

"Emma is in Xcel Platinum (4th) Division," stated Joyal. "She completes quite difficult skills that take many years of training to successfully master. She is also very creative which makes her routines very unique."

"Ruby moved up to Xcel Gold this year and is adjusting very well," continued Joyal, mentioning Ruby's kindness, humor and helpful attitude. "Ruby did very well at this past year's competitions. At one of the meets she placed first in her division as well as scoring her highest all around score in her gymnastic career."

Although gymnastics is a year long activity and the gymnasts train during the summer, the competition season runs from November through May, with tournaments usually once a month around the state, and one "travel" meet per year that could be as far as Florida or California. This year the Xcel Team will be traveling to Connecticut.

Both Gatulis young women compete in all four events, the vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

Ironically both shared the uneven bars is their favorite event, with Ruby adding she has performed well on the vault.

Joyal made sure to mention Emma had a great showing last year, placing second at State Cup and fifth at State Championship, both highly competitive and requiring being able to qualify to participate.

This past weekend both Gatulis athletes participated with their teams in the Shen's New England Holiday Classic at Worcester State University. Emma earned fourth overall and her team, Excel Plantinum, walked away with a first place victory.

One of the amazing things about the Gatulis' involvement with gymnastics is the allow-



Ruby Gatulis competes on the uneven bars at last weekend's Shen's New England Holiday Classic.



Ruby Gatulis gets into her floor routine at weekend's competition.

ance for them to also participate in scholastic sports, an opportunity that is unfortunately becoming more rare for the year-round sport participant. Emma has been a member of the Quabbin cross-country team in the fall and is currently involved with winter track and will register for spring track soon. Ruby played on Quabbin's middle school soccer team this past fall.

Looking into the future, both young women know that although they are strong, well trained and talented gymnasts, the level of ability is extremely high for participation on college teams, but both hope to continue on some level after high school.

"I would love to continue gymnastics after I graduate high school if I'm able to," said Emma Gatulis with her sister in agreement. "I could probably continue in college, but I don't think my skills will be advanced enough to be on a competitive team at that level."

The Gatulis parents are proud of their daughters, will support whatever choices they make regarding gymnastics and have been happy for their involvement with the sport.

"I will always remember that it taught my girls how to work hard for something, and attain a goal," concluded Jessica Gatulis. "They also learned the valuable lesson of how to fail, and then try again. The discipline, strength and mental fortitude that goes into a year-round sport is astounding to me. I have such admiration for how hard all the girls work on the team, and how they support one another at each meet."

Area athletic directors see need for more referees

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – Thinking about breaking into the world of high school sports in Massachusetts?

Now, more than ever, officials are needed in so many sports that even the sports with most referees are starting to feel the pain.

According to Minnechaug Regional High School Athletic Director Michael Roy, the difficulty in getting officials has been getting greater, even in a sport like basketball where there has always been an abundance of officials over the years.

"We are seeing more and more officials either leave or only want to do college games now," said Roy. "We had an ice storm last week (on Dec. 17). When I checked with the referee arbiter, I was given some dates where there

was no possibility of me getting officials because they were either not available or had college games that day."

Roy said officials are starting to become more scarce because of the large amount of heckling that happens along with many referees aging and going into "retirement" from officiating.

The heckling and taunting from the stands has become worse as time has gone on, and could be attributed to the mainstream media and criticism of officiating in professional sports like NBA, NFL, or MLB.

But regardless of the reason, Roy said schools in the regional need to do a better job of controlling crowds and making, especially basketball venues, more comfortable for officials to do their jobs.

Agawam High School Ath-

letic Director David Stratton said he agrees, and believes there is an effort out there to try and keep fans from picking on officials.

"It's definitely something we try to keep from happening," said Stratton. "Some schools do it better than others."

Stratton said there is initiative that has been started at the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference. They have started a leadership conference with area students with the goal to create a uniform policy for fan, player, and coach behavior at athletic conferences. That effort is ongoing and more meetings are scheduled, said Stratton.

But beyond that, Stratton said with aging officials getting out of the profession, attracting younger officials has become a bit difficult. He believes the problem is two-fold.

"We have the issue of fans heckling officials," said Stratton. "But that problem has always existed. Fans, players, coaches will always want to argue with officials' calls. And that happens. But the officials should know that and have to develop a bit of a thick skin for it. Right now, some people don't believe the money they are paid for officiating a game is worth what they take from the stands."

In high school basketball, venues are smaller and more intimate. When there is a bad call by a basketball official, they hear it loud and clear versus an open field or a larger arena at a college.

There are still numerous openings at the high school for officials. For more information about being an official, go to <https://www.iaabo31.com/>

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Athlete of the Week

Markys Lissant
Pathfinder

Lissant recorded a dominant pinfall victory for Pathfinder in their first dual meet of the season against South Hadley. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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in sports, could hold its own tournaments prior to the state tournament.

"But the Western Mass. tournament is ours," said Stratton. "It's something the kids like to play for because they are playing against schools they know."

For Western Mass. the region has always had somewhat of a disadvantage to the higher and more densely populated regions near Worcester and Boston. The competition is simply at a higher level on that side of the state, even at like-sized schools.

Western Massachusetts also uses the Walker System for many of its tournament because of the diversity of the region. The Walker system utilizes a ranking system based on wins, wins against tournament teams, and strength of schedule to determine its seeds. Central Mass. has used the format in some cases, but North and South regions go by records with tiebreakers for teams with the same records.

In order to balance the competition throughout the state, it appears a fifth division would be added. Currently, most Massachusetts sports like soccer, basketball, and baseball utilize four divisions. Football currently has eight. A fifth division could likely move many

Western Mass. teams currently in Division 1 down to Division 2. Division 3 and 4 teams would likely move to 4 and 5, respectively, Stratton estimates.

The proposal suggests there would be five divisions for baseball, soccer, softball, basketball, football, and even girls volleyball. There would be four divisions for tennis, lacrosse, and field hockey, three divisions for ice hockey, and two divisions for boys volleyball.

Travel is another logistic Western Mass. schools are nervous about in a state tourney format. For instance, if a Berkshire team like Wahconah or Pittsfield has to travel to the Cape. That could be a four-hour ride for that team in either direction.

"I'd have to dismiss my kids very early to do that," said Stratton. "And that's a long bus ride and then to get out and play."

According to the proposal, the higher seed would host playoff games in the first three rounds of a potential 32-team tournament.

The statewide tournament is coming to a vote at a special meeting in February. It's unclear if the proposal would be put in place for fall 2020, or fall 2021

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Schwartz scored a game-high 20 points, which is also his career-high before fouling out late in the fourth quarter. Junior forward Josh Hurst, who picked up his fourth foul late in the third quarter, finished the game with 15 points. Senior forward Malik Serisser also reached double digits with 14 points.

"We were in foul trouble almost the entire game," Cebula said. "We do play an aggressive style, but the fouls seemed to be a little bit lopsided in tonight's game, but you just have to keep playing and not worry about the referee calls."

The Lions were scheduled to wrap-up the 2019 portion of their schedule by playing another road game against St. Mary's of Westfield on Dec. 27 before hosting Westfield Tech for a matinee game on Dec. 30.

A Serisser lay-up tied the score at 61-61 for the final time with 1:27 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Following a steal by Monson junior forward Scottie Watson (6 points), a driving lay-up by Duggan with 52.8 seconds left gave the Mustangs a two-point lead, which they didn't relinquish. Duggan wound up scoring seven points during the fourth quarter.

"We did a very good job of defending against Duggan with a triangle

and two for most of the game," Cebula said. "He just took over the game in the fourth quarter and he made a couple of key hoops for them."

Gerry would then seal the victory by sinking a pair of free throws with 19.8 seconds remaining on the brand-new scoreboard clock.

The trio of Schwartz, Hurst, and Serisser scored all of Ludlow's points in the first quarter.

The Mustangs, who were trailing 18-12, would outscore the Lions 21-13 during the second quarter and held a 33-31 halftime lead following a Malo jumper in the lane. He led his team with nine points in the first 16 minutes.

The Lions took the lead a couple of times in the third quarter, but an inside hoop by Malo gave the Mustangs a 54-49 advantage at the start of the final quarter.

Ludlow responded with an 8-0 run. A Hurst 3-pointer from the right corner gave his team a 56-54 lead with six minutes left in the contest.

With 3:45 left in regulation, Duggan buried a 3-pointer from the left side tying the score at 57-57.

The contest was tied once more before the Mustangs scored the final four points.

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O B I T U A R I E S

Lydia Tanne

PALMER — Lydia “Mimi” LaBrecque Tanne has been performing since she was a child. Born in Europe, she performed at the tender age of 7 in Cannes, where she met her mentor, Maurice Chevalier. By the age of 11, Mimi had already begun winning numerous awards, including the National Competition at the Casino of Monte Carlo.

But life took its downward turns for Mimi, and her resilience was tested as World War II broke out in 1939 and Germany invaded France. In fear for their lives, Mimi and her family left their home in France and hid in Trieste, Italy, the birth town of both she and her mother. She lived in great poverty, but survived by meeting the Nacmias family, a wealthy Jewish family, who took her and her family in.

By 1943, Hitler and the Nazi regime took over Italy, and at that point it was Mimi and her family who were able to help the Nacmias family by bringing them food and acting as a decoy until they were able to escape. But Mimi was not as successful in that plan and was arrested and taken to a concentration camp in Trieste. She was released and returned to her passion of music by winning a scholarship and singing in the Opera Chorus in Milan, Italy. Again, Mimi was arrested again because of her strong political beliefs and spent time in a labor camp in Lake Como, where she survived by singing at night for the Nazi soldiers. She was released just a few days before the Liberation, only to be shot and left for dead until an American soldier

found her three days later.

Mimi recovered and kept herself and her family alive by performing menial tasks, such as washing clothes. Soon, however, she began to sing again. She married an American soldier and came to America where she raised four daughters. During her years in America, Mimi returned to the stage and performed during USO tours, where she worked alongside many stars, including Bob Hope, Ann Margaret and Sammy Davis Jr. When Tony Bennet closed at the Diplomat in Miami, it was Mimi who took over the show the next day.

Many of Mimi’s prime years were spent raising her family, a choice she was all too happy to make. However, as her daughters got older, Mimi missed the world of performance and music. That returned to her life when Mimi competed for and won the 1994 Ms. Senior Massachusetts and later won the fourth runner-up title at the Ms. Senior America national competition in Reno, Nevada later that year. She went on to earn the national title of Ms. Senior America in 2016.

Since that time, Mimi has seen her highs and lows. She has seen the highs of performing on the stage, and the severe blows of burying her own daughter on Sept. 11, 2001. Mimi found her niche



not only by performing, but also by being of service to people in need. She devoted her title and any funds associated with it to charities St. Jude’s Children’s Cancer Hospital, Sloan Kettering, The Ronald McDonald House, the ASPCA, Youth Aliyah Israel, helping the homeless at Springfield’s Open Panty and even cleaning homes for the disabled. Mimi devoted a lot of her time to visiting schools and talking as a witness of the Holocaust. Seeing the profound influence she had made in the lives of others, especially young people, brought her great joy.

For her efforts, Mimi has received numerous awards including those from Hadassah, Yad Vashem, the Massachusetts Governor’s Dove Award, the YWCA Women of Achievement Award, recognition from the American Cancer Society for participation in the Relay For Life events, and recognition from St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

From Holocaust survivor to entertainer, philanthropist, humanitarian, mother and beauty queen, Mimi lived her American Dream and was always grateful for every day she was of service to others. She will be greatly missed.

Bertha S. Soltys

MONSON — Bertha S. (Maryniewski) Soltys, 99, passed away Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019, surrounded by love 49 days shy of her 100th birthday. Bertha was born Feb. 9, 1920, in Palmer to the late Karol and Katherine (Kozec) Maryniewski.

She had lived in Monson for many years before residing at LifeCare Center in Wilbraham. Bertha retired from Monson Developmental Center where she worked in the food service department. She enjoyed helping at her brother’s greenhouses, Maryniski’s Flowers & Greenhouse, during the holiday season. She was very proud of her yard and garden where she could often be seen tending her flowers. Bertha was a faithful communicant of

St. Patrick’s Church in Monson.

Bertha was predeceased by her first husband, who was the love of her life, Donald Smith, and her second husband, Stanley Soltys; her brothers, Walter Maryniski and Ted Kozec, and her lifelong best friend, Doris Butcher. She is survived by her nieces, Mary O’Brien, of Monson, and Dorothy Leitch, of Norton; nephews, David Maryniski, of West Springfield, and Ted Kozec Jr., of East Longmeadow, her great niece, Katie O’Brien-Fuller, and her goddaughter, Joyce Butcher Pikul, as well as extended family mem-



bers and friends.

Funeral services was held Monday, Dec. 30, 2019 at Lombard Funeral Home in Monson. A visiting hour began at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick’s Church with burial to follow at Bethany Cemetery all in Monson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project PO Box 758516 Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516. For online condolences/directions please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

October



Kids had a blast kicking Velcro-covered soccer balls at the larger than life inflatable dart board during the Monson Food Truck Festival.



Sergio Nieves, owner of K-9 & Pets Dog Training, works with Flo, a 9-year-old Belgium Malinois. He was there to support a fundraiser for Buddy, Palmer Police Department’s police dog.



Nothing is changing. That’s what Wendy Story and Marc Gaudreau, owners of Beers & Story Funeral Home want residents to be assured of after the longtime business partnered with the Orlando, Florida-based Foundation Partner Group. Pictured left to right are Crystal L. Champigny, Marc Gaudreau, Wendy Story and Alyssa Boyko.



Addison Cadieux, 7, a third-grade student at Old Mill Pond School, shows off her football skills by bowling over Monson High School students Danny Fiester and Logan Gerry (right) during last week’s Unified Games in Monson.

November



Eliud Ngetich, a runner from Kenya, celebrating not only coming in first for the Monson Memorial Race, which is a half-marathon, but because he now holds the record for reaching the finish line the quickest.



Pathfinder’s programming and web class stand in front of their collection of recycled electronic goods as a way to help locally with the growing electronic waste.



Monson Fire Chief Laurent R. MacDonald holds a helmet that belonged to his late father, Laurent E. MacDonald, a former captain of the Southbridge Fire Department.



Coral Wysocki, left, and Debbie Carlson man their table at St. Christopher’s holiday fair in November.

Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD19P2461EA
Estate of:
Richard Louaine Squires, Jr.
Also known as:
Richard L. Squires, Jr.
Date of Death: 12/16/2019
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: **Samantha A. Squires** of Brimfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the

Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Samantha A. Squires** of Brimfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on **01/24/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the

return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 27, 2019
Suzanne T. Seguin

Register of Probate
1/02/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD19A0107AD
In the matter of:
Olivia Jane Lambert
CITATION
G.L. c. 210, § 6

To: any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by: **Michael E. Hermanson** of Palmer, MA **Sarah Hermanson** of Palmer, MA

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to **Olivia Jane Hermanson**.

If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person. An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran’s benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact any Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **Springfield** ON OR BEFORE TEN

O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: **01/22/2020**

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 23, 2019
Suzanne T. Seguin
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1/02/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD19P2455EA
Estate of: **John J. Giza**
Date of Death: **05/18/2018**
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Carol E. Giza** of Palmer,

MA.

Carol E. Giza of Palmer, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal

Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
1/02/2020

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 11 Wales Road, Monson, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Curt L. Jameson and Chantelle D. Jameson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, said mortgage dated October 21, 2017, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 21932 at Page 146 and now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. to Freedom Mortgage Corporation dated January 21, 2019 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 22528 at Page 447 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **January 24, 2020 at 12:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

EXHIBIT A

Real property in the City of **MONSON**, County of **HAMPDEN**, State of **Massachusetts**, described as follows:

ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF THE ROAD LEADING FROM MONSON TO WALES, AT AN IRON PIN TWO HUNDRED NINE AND 90/100 (209.90) FEET EASTERLY MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF SAID ROAD FROM THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF WILLIAM P. STONE; THENCE RUNNING

SOUTHEASTERLY BY SAID WALES ROAD TO LAND CONVEYED TO ONE FRANK E. THOMPSON BY DEED DATED APRIL 17, 1893, RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 507, PAGE 553 (BELIEVED LATER TO BE LAND OF ONE LEVEILLE); THENCE RUNNING

WESTERLY BY LAST NAMED LAND AND LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ONE GEORGE H. THOMPSON; THENCE RUNNING

NORTHWESTERLY BY AN ASSUMED BEARING OF N 66° 29' 00" W, BY LAST NAMED LAND AND BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ONE ADA M. BERSELLI, TO AN IRON PIPE AT LAND OF JAMES H. TONER, WHICH IRON PIPE IS ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE AND 61/100 (139.61) FEET FROM THE IRON PIPE AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ON A ASSUMED BEARING OF S 21° 33' 50" W FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUNNING

NORTH 21° 33' 50" E ALONG SAID LAND OF JAMES H. TONER, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE AND 61/100 (139.61) FEET TO THE IRON PIN AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE AFORESAID BOUNDS AND BEARINGS ARE SHOWN ON A PLAN MADE FOR JAMES H. TONER BY RICHARD H. STOWE, R.I.S. DATED AUGUST 5, 1970, REVISED SEPTEMBER 9, 1970, RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK OF PLANS 124, PAGE 1.

BEING ALL OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY CONVEYED TO CURT L. JAMESON AND CHANTELE D. JAMESON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY FROM JAMES RUSSELL BELMER AND SHARON A. BELMER (A/K/A SHARON A. MAHARNE), HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED DATED JUNE 20, 2014 AND RECORDED JUNE 20, 2014 IN/AS BOOK 20321, PAGE 370 OF

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated, and recorded in Book 20321 at Page 370 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH,

PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868
1/02, 1/09, 1/16/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 148 Palmer Road, Monson, MA 01057

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Martin P. Miedzinski and Holly A. Cheman** to **RBS Citizens, N.A., and now held by Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.**, said mortgage dated November 16, 2012 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19569, Page 192, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on January 21, 2020 at 1:00PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

THE LAND IN MONSON WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON, SITUATED ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THE PALMER AND MONSON HIGHWAY, BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY AT CORNER OF STONE WALL OF WHAT WAS FORMERLY THE COOLEY LOT; THENCE NORTH IN WEST LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY, 191 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE WEST IN LINE OF LAND FORMERLY OF ONE ALLEN TO THE NEW LONDON AND NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY'S LAND; THENCE SOUTH IN LINE OF LAND OF SAID RAILWAY COMPANY, 191 FEET TO LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ONE ALLEN; THENCE EAST IN A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID DESCRIBED TRACT, AND 191 FEET SOUTH OF SAME, TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID PALMER AND MONSON HIGHWAY AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTING SO MUCH THEREOF AS WAS TAKEN BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR THE WIDENING OF THE STATE HIGHWAY AS EVIDENCED BY AN INSTRUMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1937 AND RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY DEEDS BOOK 1387, PAGE 275.

SUBJECT TO SEWER RIGHTS IF THE SAME NOW EXIST.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO **MARTIN P. MIEDZINSKI AND HOLLY A. CHEMAN**,

AS JOINT TENANTS, BOTH BY DEED FROM EILEEN HINGLEY A/K/A FRANCES E. HINGLEY RECORDED 05/15/1998 IN DEED BOOK 10284 PAGE 001, IN THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS PLAN FOR HAMPDEN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

PARCEL ID: 130 4

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 13, 1998 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 10284, Page 1.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Citizens Bank, N.A.

f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701
12/26/2019, 1/02, 1/09/2020

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Timothy R. Coto and Jody L. Mason** to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, dated April 21, 2005 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 15013, Page 210, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R7, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated August 1, 2005 by Ameriquest Mortgage Company by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 17648, Page 533, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R7, under the pooling and servicing agreement dated August 1, 2005 by Ameriquest Mortgage Company by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 18667, Page 406 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on January 9, 2020 at 22 Lower Hampden Road, Monson, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN MONSON, HAMPDEN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD LEADING FROM THE HORACE D. MOULLION HOUSE TO THE MILL OWNED BY AD. ELLIS, INC. KNOWN AS HAMPDEN ROAD BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A STAKE AND STONES IN THE CENTER OF A STONE WALL WHICH INTERSECTS THE LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY, THENCE SOUTHERLY ON LINE OF THE CENTER OF SAID WALL 175 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE IN SAID WALL;

THENCE WESTERLY IN LINE OF LAND FORMERLY OF LENA ROYCE 77 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE IN THE GROUND;

THENCE NORTHERLY IN LINE OF LAND FORMERLY OF SAID ROYCE 175 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE IN THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY;

THENCE EASTERLY IN LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY 89 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: THE APN IS SHOWN BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS 1-413-267-4119; SOURCE OF TITLE IS BOOK 11578, PAGE 525 (RECORDED 04/06/01).

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R7 Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
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Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
18-016128
12/19, 12/26/2019, 1/02/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Steven F. DeMarco, Delena DeMarco** to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated September 24, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13620, Page 567, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated November 19, 2018, and recorded with said Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22499, Page 355, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 PM on January 29, 2020**, on the mortgaged premises located at 4 Lake George Road, Wales, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: The premises known as Lot 2, Lake George Road a/k/a

4 Lake George Road, Wales, Massachusetts. To Wit: Being Lot 2 on a plan of lots recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 248, Page 81, to which reference may be had for a more particular description. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by Deed of Marie H. Fish et als dated 03-17-00 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11128, Page 563. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11128, Page 563.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA S/B/M TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE INC. Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
17629
1/02, 1/09, 1/16/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 97 Brookfield Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Roy H. King Jr. and Jaqueline M. King** to Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., said mortgage dated April 22, 2005, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 15057 at Page 113 and now held by MTGLQ Investors, LP by virtue of an assignment from Wells Fargo USA Holdings, incorporated, successor by merger to Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Incorporated, to MTGLQ Investors, LP dated December 5, 2017 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 21984 at Page 305, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **January 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land referred to in this policy is situated in the State of Massachusetts, County of Hampden, and is described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN BRIMFIELD, COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS WITH A STREET LOCATION ADDRESS OF 97 BROOKFIELD ROAD, BRIMFIELD, MA 01010 CURRENTLY OWNED BY JAQUELINE M. KING

AND ROY H. KING, JR. AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE VESTING DOCUMENT DATED 03/06/98, RECORDED ON 03/10/98, IN LIBER 10190 PAGE 276 AND DESIGNATED AS METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated, and recorded in Book 10190 at Page 276 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH,

PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for MTGLQ Investors, LP
12/26/2019, 1/02, 1/09/2020

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Elizabeth McCollum and Michael Suleski** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Master, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated June 1, 2009 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 17817, Page 89, as affected by an Affidavit recorded in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 22886, Page 578, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Master, Incorporated, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 20379, Page 414 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 AM on January 23, 2020** at 1-3 Bourne Street, Palmer (Three Rivers), MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate at the intersection of Bourne Street and Belanger Street in the Village of Three Rivers, Town of Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the ground in the southerly line of said Bourne Street at the Northwest corner of land of J. Walas;

thence NORTH 83° 0' WEST along the Southerly line of said Bourne Street a distance of ninety (90) feet to the intersection of the southerly line of said Bourne Street and the Easterly line of said Belanger Street;

thence SOUTH 4° 19' EAST along the easterly line of said Belanger Street one hundred fifteen (115) feet, to an iron pin in the ground in line of land of W. Renaud, formerly of one Alice E. Bergeron;

thence NORTH 85° 41' EAST along the line of said land of W. Renaud eighty and 15/100 (80.15) feet to an iron pin in the ground in line of land of J. Walas;

thence NORTH 0° 39'

EAST along the line of said land of Walas, one hundred (100) feet more or less to the iron pin in the ground in the southerly line of said Bourne Street at the point of beginning.

BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by deed of Christopher T. Salva dated May 29, 2009 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds herewith. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
19-008011
1/02, 1/09, 1/16/2020

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Richard R. Tilton a/k/a Richard Tilton** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB., its successors and assigns, dated October 18, 2007 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 16988, Page 134 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on August 21, 2012 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 19405, Page 90, subsequently assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 18676, Page 534, subsequently assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 22417, Page 17, subsequently assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC by Flagstar Bank, FSB by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 20163, Page 266, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF10 Master Participation Trust by Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry

of Deeds at Book 22417, Page 19 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 PM on January 9, 2020** at 251 Brookfield Road, Brimfield, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land and buildings thereon located at 251 Brookfield Road, Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts as more particularly described as: The land located on the northerly side of Brookfield Road in Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being shown as "Lot 2", on a "Plan of Land in Brimfield, MA, surveyed for Walter J. Burnham, Jr." by Sherman and Woods, Land Surveying & Engineering, dated December 21, 1994, which is recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 293, Page 13, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin located on the northerly side of said Brookfield Road at the southwesterly corner of said lot and at the south-easterly corner of the westerly leg of Lot 1 as shown on said plan as it abuts Brookfield Road; thence N 11 degrees 56' 30" W along Lot 1 as shown on said plan 274.69 feet to an iron pin; thence N 78 degrees 02' 30" E along Lot 1 as shown on said plan 317.16 feet to an iron pin; thence S 11 degrees 57' 30" E along Lot 1 as shown on said plan 274.69 feet to an iron pin located on the northerly side of said Brookfield Road; thence S 78 degrees 02' 30" W along the northerly side of said Brookfield Road 317.16 feet to the iron pin at the point of beginning. Containing an area of 2.00 acres. For title reference, see deeds recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 11673, Page 189 and in Book 11673, Page 192.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF10 Master Participation Trust
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
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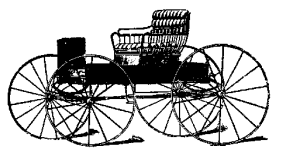
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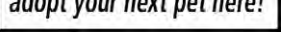
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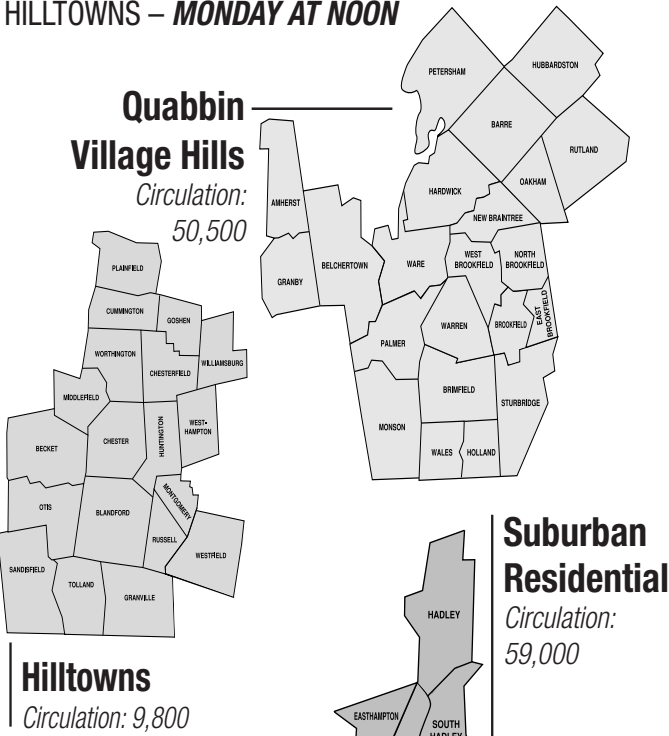
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